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SUBJECT: GOJ CASH FLOW, JANUARY 1 - JUNE 30, 1977

REF: A) AMMAN A-74 (1976), B) AMMAN A-48 (1976), C) AMMAN 99, D) AMMAN 3912

1. SUMMARY -- IN RESPONSE TO AMBASSADOR'S REQUEST TO GOJ MINISTER OF FINANCE, MINISTRY HAS PROVIDED EMBASSY WITH FINAL (PRELIMINARY) CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 1977. 1977 CASH FLOW STATEMENT, WHICH IS REPRODUCED IN SUMMARY FORM IN PARAGRAPH #2 BELOW, INCLUDES FOR FIRST TIME IN OFFICIAL WRITTEN GOJ COMMUNICATION TO EMBASSY EXPLANATION OF DISPOSITION OF \$140 MILLION CHECK RECEIVED FROM SAUDIS (E.E., INCLUSION IN "OTHER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE OF PART I REVENUES) AND PLACES PRECISE FIGURE (24.4 MILLION JD) ON UNFUNDED MILITARY OBLIGATIONS UNDERTAKEN IN 1976 IN ANTICIPATION OF RABAT SUBSIDIES THAT DID NOT MATERIALIZE. INCLUDING DEFICIT CARRIED OVER FROM 1976, TOTAL DEFICIT CONFIDENTIAL

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ON CASH FLOW BASIS IS 35 MILLION JD AS OF JULY 1, 1977.

EXCLUSIVE OF DEBTS CARRIED FORWARD FROM PREVIOUS YEAR, CASH FLOW FOR FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 1977 ITSELF IS ROUGHLY IN LINE WITH ESTIMATES OF 1977 BUDGET LAW. WITHOUT \$140 MILLION SAUDI CHECK, BOTH TOTAL AND DOMESTIC REVENUES ARE SLIGHTLY LESS THAN HALF OF THOSE PROJECTED FOR YEAR IN THAT DOCUMENT, AND EXPENDITURES HAVE BEEN SLIGHTLY GREATER THAN HALF OF

THEIR ESTIMATED TOTAL FOR ENTIRE YEAR. END SUMMARY.

2. FINAL (PRELIMINARY) CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 1977 IS REPRODUCED IN SUMMARY BELOW.

	CARRIED FRO	OM 19	77 CASH FLOW
	1976	(ACT., 1/1	- 6/30)
REVENUES	21.3	15	1.8
DOMESTIC I	REVENUES	3.6	59.6
DOMESTIC I	BORROWING	0.0	7.5
FOREIGN CA	APITAL LOANS	S (USA) 6	1.5
FINANCIAL	ASSISTANCE	11.7	82.9
SAUDI ARA	ABIA (KHARTO	OUM)	0.0 5.0
KUWAIT (K	(HARTOUM)	.9	6.8
U.S.A.	4.9	9.	9
OTHER	5.9	(51.2
EXPENDITUR	ES 39.	3	161.7
CURRENT E	XPENDITURES	0.0	92.7
CAPITAL EX	PENDITURES	39.4	69.0
PRINCIPAL	REPAYMENT		
ON FORE	IGN AND		
DOMESTI	C DEBT	0.0	8.0
REGULAR A	AND 5 YR. PL.		
INVESTM	ENT (1977 BUI	OGET) ·	28.5
DEVELOPM	IENT (1976		
AND PRE	VIOUS)	15.0	12.0
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MILITARY OBLIGATIONS 24.4 20.5

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- 3. AS USUAL THERE ARE SOME MINOR DISCREPANCIES BETWEEN OBLIGATIONS CARRIED OVER FROM 1976 ON THIS MOST RECENT STATEMENT AND 1976 CASH FLOW STATEMENT SHOWN IN REFEL D. THESE HAVE BEEN EXPLAINED AS CORRECTIONS OF BOOKKEEPING ERRORS AND DATA REFINEMENTS. AS OF JULY 1, CUMMULATIVE DEFICIT ON CASH FLOW BASIS IS REPRESENTED AS 35 MILLION JD. THIS FIGURE DERIVES FROM ACCUMULATED DEFICIT OF 20.3 MILLION JD FROM PREVIOUS YEARS, 11.7 MILLION JD DIFFERENCE BETWEEN REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 1977, AND 3 MILLION JD (UNRECORDED) NON-OFFICIAL BORROWINGS.
- 4. BREAKDOWN OF 61.2 MILLION JD IN "OTHER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE" IS MOST INTERESTING LINE ITEM IN PARAGRAPH #2 ABOVE. IT INCLUDES:

SAUDI ARABIA \$140 MILLION
QATAR (AD HOC) 2.7 "
QATAR (RABAT) 6.5 "
ABU DHABI (AD HOC) 15.0 "
ABU DHABI (RABAT) 19.0 "
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TOTAL 183.2 MILLION
ADDITIONALLY, UNFUNDED MILITARY EXPENDITURE OBLIGATIONS
FROM 1976 ARE LISTED AS 24.4 MILLION JD IN FIRST OFFICIAL
RECORD EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED ON THIS MATTER. ADDITIONAL
ITEM OF INTEREST IS AMOUNT OF 6.8 MILLION JD RECEIVED
AS PART OF 1977 KUWAITI KHARTOUM PAYMENT. THIS IS 2.1
MILLION JD MORE FOR FIRST SIX MONTHS THAN ANTICIPATED IN
1977 BUDGET AND RESULTS FROM KUWAITI AGREEMENT TO ADJUST TO
STEADY DEPRECIATION OF BRITISH POUND STERLING, IN WHICH THESE
PAYMENTS ARE DENOMINATED. GOJ NOW EXPECTS TO RECEIVE 16
MILLION JD IN KUWAITI KHARTOUM SUBSIDY IN 1977, VICE 9
MILLION JD IN BUDGET, BECAUSE OF THIS ADJUSTMENT.

5. PRESENT ESTIMATES OF DOMESTIC REVENUE RECEIPTS IN 1977
ARE DOWN 6-7 MILLION JD FROM AMOUNT INDICATED IN BUDGET
LAW (137.3 MILLION JD) DUE TO DECREASING REVENUES IN
CUSTOMS LEVIES RELATED TO CURRENT BUSINESS DOWNTOWN, WEAKNESS IN INCOME TAX COLLECTION, AND DECREASING LAD TRANSFER
TAX RECEIPTS WITH CESSATION OF REAL ESTATE SPECULATION.

6. MINISTRY OF FINANCE HAS ALSO ADVISED US THAT SAUDIS
HAVE MADE FINAL DECISION NOT REPEAT NOT TO MAKE RABAT
SUBSIDY PAYMENT TO JORDAN FOR 1976 OR 1977.
IF THIS TURNS OUT TO BE THE CASE, THEN EFFECTIVELY
THERE WILL BE A TOTAL OF \$165.5 MILLION IN RABAT OR
QUASI RABAT PAYMENTS. (\$140 MILLION SAUDI, \$6.5 MILLION
QATAR, AND \$19 MILLION ABU DHABI) IN 1977. MILITARY
OBLIGATION WOULD APPEAR TO ABSORB ONLY 24.4 MILLION JD
(EQUALS \$75 MILLION) OF THIS AMOUNT WITH MOST, IF NOT ALL,
OF THE REMAINDER BEING DEVOTED TO CURRENT AND DEVELOPMENT
BUDGET EXPENDITURES. THIS WOULD REPRESENT CONSIDERABLE SHIFT
FROM MILITARY TO CIVILIAN EXPENDITURES IF WE ASSUMED, AS PREVIOUSLY
WE DID, THAT MOST OF RABAT PAYMENTS WERE DESTINED FOR THE MILITARY,
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ANOTHER SOMEWHAT UNEXPECTED OUTCOME OF THE \$140 MILLION HAWK PAYMENT DEBACLE.
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